

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the present application. The Office Action dated June 14, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

By this Response, claims 1 and 14 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 1-26 are pending in the application with claims 12, 13, 25 and 26 being withdrawn from consideration as drawn to a non-elected invention. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejection in view of the above amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

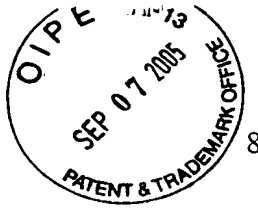
In the Office Action, the drawings are objected to under 37 CFR § 1.83(a). Applicant has amended independent claims 1 and 14 to correct a translation error. Specifically, the claims have been amended to recite “a light blocking system... under a stepped portion” as illustrated in the drawings and supported in the originally filed specification. Accordingly, the objection is overcome.

In the Office Action, the specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Applicant has amended the claims to correct a translation error. Thus, the specification provides a proper antecedent basis for the amended claims. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

In the Office Action, claims 1-11 and 14-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner has indicated that claims 1 and 14 “are confusing because they are inconsistent with the specification and the drawings.” Applicant thanks the Examiner for assistance in identifying the inconsistency, and, as discussed above, have amended independent claims 1 and 14 to recite the light blocking system is “under a stepped portion of the passivation layer”. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner indicates claims 1 and 14 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the § 112, 2nd paragraph rejections. Applicants have amended claims 1 and 14 to correct the translation error and submit claim 1 and its dependent claims 2-11, and claim 14 and its dependent claims 15-24 and 27 are now immediate condition for allowance.

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Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911.

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